GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:86
ANSWERED ON:24.02.2003
MODERNISATION OF DELHI AND MUMBAI AIRPORT
ASHOK KUMAR PATEL;SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to develop and modernise Airports at Delhi and Mumbai through direct investment instead of leasing these Airports;

(b) if so, whether the Government have sent a proposal to Planning Commission for fast track development of the Airports; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a), (b) & (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement in reply to parts (a), (b) & (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.86 for answer on 24.02.2003 regarding Modernisation of Delhi and Mumbai airport.

(a), (b) and (c) :- In January, 2000 Government of India approved restructuring of airports through long term lease as and when found suitable. The Airports Authority of India Act (Amendment) Bill was introduced in Lok Sabha on 30.11.2000 to insert an enabling provision in the AAI Act for leasing.

The Bill was referred to the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture. The Committee tabled its report in the House on 21st November 2002, wherein it recommended several amendments for inclusion in the above Bill. A comprehensive Bill has been prepared keeping in view the recommendations of the Committee, and is being processed for obtaining necessary approvals for introduction in the Parliament.

No final decision regarding modalities for restructuring of Delhi and Mumbai airports has been taken.